

treasurer chosen from the laity shall constitute the Ohio Home Mission Board. This board shall have charge of the collection and disbursement of all funds; shall be empowered to employ an evangelist or evangelists and shall direct all evangelistic work within its province.

Signed by the committee: A. D. Gnagey, J. L. Kimmel, Isaac Ross, Josiah Keim, J. Allen Miller.

The courtesies of the conference were extended to Brother Cassel, of Pa., and Sister Vianna Detwiler, Md.

The conference now considered the publishing interests of the church. Brother A. D. Gnagey addressed the conference dwelling with especial emphasis upon the value and importance of a strong literature. Brother J. C. Cassel, secretary of the Publication Board, was asked for some remarks. He responded in a neat speech illustrating the great power of the press. The subject was further discussed by Brethren Copp, Kiefer and Bowman.

A paper, "Some Purposes of Higher Education and Culture," (prepared by Prof. L. L. Garber, of Ashland College,) was next read. It made a deep impression upon those present and the following resolution was passed: Resolved That Prof. Garber's paper be published in the EVANGELIST and that the original be referred to the board of publication with the request that the same be published in tract form for distribution.

Adjourned.

#### FOURTH SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother Cassel who read Col 3, and led in prayer.

The report of the Ohio Home Mission Board was presented by the Secretary C. E. Deffenbaugh. On motion the report was referred to a committee for tabulation. The following is the report of this committee:

#### Amounts Received.

Glenford	\$ 7 28
Ashland	28 75
Washington C. H. and Coupon Bond	32 84
Homer	13 10
Middlebranch	4 55
Mt. Zion	1 00
Zion's Hill	5 49
Miamisburg	22 61
Williamstown	3 63
Ankenytown church and S. S.	16 86
Bethesda	8 00
Troy	50
Pleasant Hill	4 50
North Liberty	7 23
Buckeye City	12 49
Winchester	10 00
Bryan	7 23
West Alexandria	2 85
North Georgetown	2 00
Fair Haven	6 75
Pub. Board bond donated by a sister	125 00
S. Mikesell, wife and son	75
Mr. and Mrs. Horne, Columbus	1 00
Interest on Pub. bond	10 00
On Coupon (Fairview)	1 50

Total received 335 93  
Balance from last year 53 62

#### Total

#### Expenditures.

To J. H. Hall	15 00
To Z. H. Copp	126 25
To J. M. Bowman	10 00
To printing, stamps, postage	3 01
To Expense	10 00
To Interest on Troy church	12 00
To Principal on Troy church	20 00
To Expenses on Troy church	11 50

Total expenses 207 76

#### Resume.

Total received in cash and bonds	389 55
Total expenditures	207 76
Total bonds and cash on hands	181 79

Total cash on hands 44 29  
Total bonds 137 50

The report of the state evangelist was next upon the program. J. M. Bowman reported that as evangelist he had assisted several congregations in securing pastors, had visited and helped the Troy church, and had also visited several places where work can be done.

At this time Z. H. Copp gave an interesting account of the work he is doing in Dayton. He reported that in a very short time the work there would be self supporting.

J. L. Kimmel next read a strong and interesting paper on "Missions." The paper was ordered published in the EVANGELIST.

Adjourned. Benediction by Isaac Ross.

#### FIFTH SESSION, FRIDAY EVENING

Josiah Keim read Romans 12th chapter and led in prayer.

First upon the program was "The Life More Abundant," by Z. H. Copp. A large audience had gathered and Brother Copp gave a beautiful and helpful talk.

The second topic, "The Missionary Spirit in the New Testament" was presented by J. Allen Miller. Adjourned. Benediction by P. J. Brown.

#### SIXTH SESSION, SATURDAY MORNING

The election of the officers for the ensuing conference year resulted as follows: Moderator, J. L. Kimmel; Vice-moderator, Z. H. Copp; Secretary, J. Allen Miller.

Report of the committee on resolutions.

The committee on resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered the brethren and friends of Louisville for their great kindness toward and their hospitable entertainment of the conference.

*Resolved*, That the conference extend a vote of thanks to the officers for their faithful and efficient performance of duty.

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered all who have taken part in the program and have made the conference so interesting. Signed by committee, P. J. Brown, J. W. Funk, Mrs. Miller.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report:

Board of Elders: J. L. Kimmel, three years; Josiah Keim, two years; A. D. Gnagey, one year.

Mission Board: J. D. Findley, Secretary; E. J. Worst, Treasurer.

Trustees of Ashland University: J. D. Findley, J. M. Bowman, G. A. Ruff.

Ministerial Examining Board: J. Allen Miller, three years; J. L. Kimmel, two years; A. D. Gnagey, one year. Signed by the committee.

The report was adopted as read and the persons nominated declared elected to the several offices as indicated.

The final report of the committee on credentials was adopted as follows:

Ashland, A. D. Gnagey and J. A. Miller; Ankenytown, Buckeye City, North Liberty, J. L. Kimmel; Fair Haven, P. J. Brown; Zion's Hill, Wm. Kiefer; Middlebranch, Wm. A. Wise, Mary J. Wise and Ella Roush; North Georgetown, G. A. Ruff and Joseph Heestand; Louisville, Lillie Bratten, Levi Shirk, Lous Hang and W. A. Welty; Gretna, Samuel Snapp; Dayton, Z. H. Copp; Fair View, Isaac Ross and Wesley Dyer; Winchester, Josiah Keim; Bethel and Berachah, J. M. Bowman and C. E. Deffenbaugh.

The following churches were represented by letter: Bryan, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Zion and West Independence.

The following were not represented: Homer, Bethesda, Williamstown, Bloomers, Troy, Bear Creek, Miamisburg, Farmersville and West Alexandria.

Number of churches enrolled, 27; represented by delegate, 13; represented by letter, 4; not represented, 10; ministerial delegates present, 12; lay delegates present, 8.

The conference decided to meet at Dayton, Ohio, next year.

Election of Executive Committee resulted as follows: J. Allen Miller, Zed H. Copp, W. A. Welty.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Temperance as follows: Z. H. Copp, J. M. Bowman, A. D. Gnagey.

On motion the conference ordered the proceedings of the meeting published, and instructed the secretary to send a sufficient number of copies of the minutes to each pastor for distribution among his people.

The remaining part of the session was occupied in receiving the parochial reports.

Adjourned. Benediction by Josiah Keim.

#### SEVENTH SESSION, SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. A. Welty.

This session was devoted to the work of the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor. After some discussion it was decided by the sisters present that a state organization be effected. The election of the state officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Sarah Keim, Gratis, O.; secretary, Mrs. Clara W. Miller, Ashland, O.; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Wise, Oval City, O.

At this juncture Sister Detwiler addressed the conference on "How to Raise Money for the S. S. C. E." Discussed by Mrs. Gnagey and Mrs. John Keim.

"How to Use the Funds of the S. S. C. E." was a paper read by Mrs. Gnagey. On motion the paper was ordered printed in the EVANGELIST. After a brief discussion in which the thought of the paper, that the sisters should bend every effort to help build up a strong educational center was emphasized, an opportunity was given to subscribe to the endowment fund of Ashland College. In a few minutes \$700 were taken in endowment pledges.

Adjourned. Benediction by Wm. Kiefer.

#### EIGHTH SESSION, SATURDAY EVENING

After the devotional exercises led by Wm. Kiefer the Mission Board reported its organization and made a verbal statement of its plans for the year.

The committee on temperance reported the following resolutions which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That we most earnestly protest against Attorney-General Griggs' interpretation of the law prohibiting the army canteen.

*Resolved*, That we hereby declare uncompromising warfare against the liquor traffic, and call upon all Christians to co-operate in pushing the war to a finish.

Perry Clapper next read a paper on "Why Some Young Men are not in the Sunday-school." On motion the paper was ordered published in the EVANGELIST.

An interesting feature of the evening session was an exercise by A. D. Gnagey in which he taught a Sunday-school class as an object lesson in teaching.

On motion the following officers of the Sunday-school work in the state were elected: State Sunday-school superintendent, Zed H. Copp; secretary and treasurer, Perry Clapper.

Adjourned. Benediction by A. D. Gnagey.

JOSEPH L. KIMMEL, Moderator.

J. ALLEN MILLER, Secretary.

NOTE.—On Sunday morning and evening the pulpits of the town were filled by the brethren present. All reported good meetings. On Sunday afternoon a union young people's meeting was held at the Brethren church, led by W. A. Welty. Representatives were present from the U. B. and the Reformed churches. Addresses were made by Perry Clapper for the Brethren, Prof. Chenot for the Reformed, and Rev. Shepard for the U. B. church. Mrs. Clara W. Miller read a paper on "The Possibilities of the Young People." Brother Z. H. Copp spoke to the children. Altogether this meeting was a most enjoyable part of the conference services.

Another event that made all glad was the baptism of a son of brother Jacob Keim of Wyandot, Mich., by brother Josiah Keim.